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Title: Need to include people belonging to Narikoravas community of Tamil Nadu in the list of Scheduled Tribes.

DR. P. VENUGOPAL (TIRUVALLUR): I wish to bring to the attention of the Government the urgent need to include Narikoravas of Tamil Nadu in the list of Scheduled Tribes. Narikkoravas of Tamil Nadu have been denied justice for more than half a century. Narikoravas constitute one of the most deprived and vulnerable communities in Tamil Nadu, who are nomadic and extremely poor and deserve all the Constitutional protection. In a letter on July 16, 2012, Tamil Nadu Government had clearly explained the urgent need for inclusion of the community in the Scheduled Tribes list. Hon. Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has written to the Prime Minister on 27lh August 2013 to take prompt action for the inclusion of 'Narikoravan grouped with Kuruvikkaran community' in the list of Scheduled Tribes of Tamil Nadu. Our Hon'ble Chief Minister has also demanded moving of necessary legislation in the current session of Parliament to include them in the ST list. The hapless community of Narikkoravas urgently needs to be provided all the constitutional guarantees envisaged in Article 342 of the Constitution to enable them to lead a life of equality and dignity along with other citizens of India. Tamil Nadu Government has already furnished all the required information to the Union Ministry of Tribal Affairs for including Narikoravas in the list of Scheduled Tribes. I take this opportunity to make a plea to bring in legislation in the current session of Parliament itself to respond to a crying need.